

success on the battlefield. He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships—a cornerstone of the CMC's strategic vision.

Throughout his service he consistently demonstrated his expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Congressional Members and their respective staffs. First Sergeant Sotorodriguez was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps in the House of Representatives. Members and staffers alike respected and trusted First Sergeant Sotorodriguez's straightforward and dependable assistance. His forthrightness and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout his tour, First Sergeant Sotorodriguez personally responded to, or supervised hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national level attention. Through his exceptional inter-personal skills, broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs, and personal efforts he assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust on critical issues. First Sergeant Sotorodriguez's has contributed immeasurably as a member in the Marine Liaison Office here on Capitol Hill and to the Marine Corps as a whole. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SINES  
NICKEL & DIME STORE

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 3, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Sines Nickel & Dime Store, a local institution in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

For 100 years, Sines has been family owned and operated, offering a chance for its customers to step back in time and find hundreds of antiques, many of which come right from the local community. As part of Sine's commitment to friendly and dependable service, breakfast and lunch are made from scratch and served daily at the Soda Fountain where friends and neighbors gather as they have for generations.

Today, Sines continues to sell novelties of the past as they cope with the challenges that many small businesses across our nation face.

The dedication and perseverance demonstrated by the Sine family in these difficult economic times serves as an example of the American entrepreneurial spirit which drives our economy. Sines Nickel & Dime Store is an example of dedication to serving its customers, I congratulate them on their 100 years of success and wish them many more to come.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL PAUL H.  
GUEMMER FOR HIS SERVICE AS  
COMMANDER OF THE 92ND AIR  
REFUELING WING, FAIRCHILD  
AIR FORCE BASE

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 3, 2012*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service of Colonel Paul H. Guemmer, Commander, 92nd Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

After receiving his commission as a Distinguished Graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Col. Guemmer has held multiple flying assignments as an aircraft commander, instructor, and examiner pilot. Prior to assuming command at Fairchild, Col. Guemmer commanded at the squadron level, including a deployment as an expeditionary operations support squadron commander. His

previous staff experience also includes tours in the Air Staffs Joint Requirements Oversight Council Issues and Actions Division and the Joint Staff J-3's Readiness Division and Multi-national Operations Division. Col. Guemmer also deployed as the Vice Wing Commander for the 379 Air Expeditionary Wing.

Since assuming command at Fairchild two years ago, Col. Guemmer has overseen many improvements on the base. These improvements include completion of a nearly 14,000 foot runway, a new fitness center, and even more recently, ground breaking on a new wing command headquarters. Each of these improvements represents an investment in Fairchild's future. While the physical improvements cannot be understated, even more important is the investment Col. Guemmer has made to solidify the relationship between the Air Force's 92nd Air Refueling Wing and the Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing. Under Col. Guemmer's leadership, the association between the 92nd and the 141st Air Refueling Wings has become one of the gems in the Air Mobility Community when it comes to utilization, collaboration, deploying to common locations and maintenance.

Mr. Speaker, Col. Guemmer has made caring for Fairchild's airmen and airwomen and their families a top priority. Whether serving a Thanksgiving meal to those unable to make it home for the holidays or taking time to speak to the "Caring for People Summit", Col. Guemmer has tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life for Eastern Washington's servicemen and women and their families.

So, today I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Paul H. Guemmer for his service to the United States Air Force and the 92nd Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild. I am grateful for Paul's unyielding dedication to our country and for all of his accomplishments as Commander of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing. While I look forward to hearing of his future successes as Deputy Director (Military) Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics Directorate at Scott Air Force Base, Paul and his family will be greatly missed in Eastern Washington.